

American Embassy Consular Section Dakar, Senegal

Warden Message SECURITY REMINDER November 15, 2010

Warden Message--Demonstrations, University of Dakar and other locations

Please be informed that a spontaneous demonstration of approximately 50 students yesterday at the University of Dakar, while contained by the police, did include violence, including stone-throwing at passing vehicles. The Regional Security Office at the U.S. Embassy has also learned that nationwide demonstrations are planned today, Friday, November 12, 2010, and possibly on Monday, November 15th as well. According to sources, teachers are protesting the non-payment of salaries ahead of the Tabaski holiday and students are protesting the non-payment of scholarships. American citizens are urged to exercise caution when traveling in the vicinity of the University of Dakar in the coming days and to avoid crowds should they come across them in other areas.

You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. We encourage U.S. Citizens to review A Safe Trip Abroad found at: http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1180.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, outside the United States and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Senegal are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Dakar through the State Departments travel registration website, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Senegal. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency.

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